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## INTRODUCTION:

1. Paul in these verses looks possibly with four views of life.
2. He views his life from all angles.
3. I wonder if we ever stop and view our lives?
4. James ask us "What is your life?" James 4:4

## BODY:

### I. He looked to his PAST life - Retrospective - (v26-27)

1. He had fought the good fight and kept the faith.
2. He possibly remember when he persecuted Christians and his conversion on the road to Damascus.
3. Can we look on our past and feel as Paul?
  - (1) Have you kept your word? - Ecc 5:4
  - (2) Have you young people acted correctly? Ecc 12:1 <sup>young boys → girls</sup>
  - (3) Husbands, have you been faithful? Eph 5:25
  - (4) Wives have you made a home? 1st 2:5
  - (5) Christians have you been faithful? - Rev 2:10
  - (6) Have you assembled with the Saints? - Heb 10:25
  - (7) Have you practiced pure religion? - James 1:27
  - (8) Have you kept yourself unspotted? James 1:27
  - (9) Have you tried to win souls? Prov 11:30
  - (10) Have you contributed faithfully? 1 Cor 16:2
  - (11) Have you been considerate of others? Eph 4:32

### II. Paul looked INWARDLY also - Introspective (6-8)

- (1) I am ready - his life was now correct.
- (2) He remembered his trials - 2 Cor 11:20-30 and was now ready to rest.

- (3) Can you look at your life now and say this?
  - (1) Does this inward look chastise you? Ps 51:3
  - (2) Are you inwardly what you pretend to be outwardly?
  - (3) Are you as good at home as in public?
  - (4) Do you love the Lord? 1 Jn 5:3
  - (5) Is your thinking what it should be? Phil 4:8
4. Let us remember we are bought with a price 1 Cor 6:19
5. We must measure our lives by the Word of God.

### III. Paul's 3rd view was AROUND HIM - Circumpective (9-11)

1. He looked at the things about him.
2. Damas gone; Titus left; Only Luke with him; Alexander forsook him.  
Paul was sad over the things about him.
3. Do we regret the things about us? The difficulties?
4. What is our attitude toward sin? hang over on Prov 6:16-19  
Amos 5:14
5. We need to look about us and sum up the way the world is rejecting Christ!

### IV. Paul's fourth view is toward the FUTURE - Prospective (v18)

1. The bright & wonderful thought that God would deliver him.
2. A crown of life - God will save him.
3. Are we prepared as Paul was?
4. If not then why not?
5. Do you have that hope beyond the grave?
6. A crown, a life with Christ.

## Conclusion:

1. You must do the same thing Paul did: Acts 9:22  
Paul taught the need to hear - Rom 10:17; Believe Heb 11:6; & Repent, Acts 17:30; Be Baptized, Rom 6; Live 3